

## Insurance Assistance Program (IAP)/IAP-Plus

Affiliated with HIV/AIDS Advocacy Services, the IAP pays health insurance premiums for PLWHA who have private health insurance and are currently too ill to work in their current job or there is a substantial likelihood that he or she will be too ill to work within the next three months. IAP-Plus pays premiums for PLWHA who have private health insurance with prescription coverage.

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## HIV/AIDS in Michigan

Although the U.S. has seen some remarkable success in preventing and treating HIV/AIDS, the virus still poses a serious threat to thousands in Michigan. Of particular concern is the disproportionate and increasing infection rates among particular minority groups and among women.

## Serving those in need. . .

Both clients and case managers are encouraged to contact the Office of HIV/AIDS Advocacy Services to maintain the most current and relevant information about state and federal benefits and community resources. Dates for application, benefit amounts, eligibility criteria, and open/closed enrollment status of services are often changing, so be sure your information is up-to-date!

Also, feel free to inquire about other organizations and services that might address additional needs. The Office of HIV/AIDS Advocacy Services has a large library of resources and can help address your concerns.

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# Office of HIV/AIDS Advocacy Services

## State of Michigan Department of Human Services

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# Connecting People in Need to Health & Financial Help, Now



## The Office of HIV/AIDS Advocacy

**Services** provides state and federal program eligibility and benefit information for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). The office may assist clients and case managers:

- make sense of what benefits are available
- determine if a client meets the state and federal eligibility requirements
- sort out the application procedures

Through collaborations with other state agencies and non-governmental organizations, the office also provides many other services useful to PLWHA.

## Why is this service so important to those living with HIV/AIDS?

Today, with the availability of combination drug therapy, living with HIV/AIDS is like living with a chronic disease, but even with a reliable and well thought out health care plan, there is always a risk of acute illness.

Such illness can mean losing one's job, developing drug resistance, and even death. Maintaining a functional health care plan is critical in avoiding such a situation as much as possible. A safety network that helps PLWHA get through times of financial crisis and will ensure that health services are not disrupted is a necessary part of this health care plan.

The state and federal government provides some services that minimize gaps in income and health care, creating a more stable network. Unfortunately, the available services are complicated and always changing. A PLWHA may not be able to afford the time and confusion of maintaining up-to-date knowledge of available benefits, eligibility requirements, and application procedures before they experience a devastating health crisis.

Additionally, poverty, social barriers, and stigma may exacerbate these concerns.

It is the purpose of the Office of HIV/AIDS Advocacy Services to address these needs, improving the quality of life for PLWHA and making Michigan a better community.

## HIV/AIDS Advocacy Services Also Provides:

- **HIV/AIDS Benefit Information Summary:**  
General guidelines, in a quick and easy to reference format, on benefits, amounts, and eligibility criteria.
- **"User Friendly Manual":** In partnership with Wayne State University, HIV/AIDS Advocacy Services maintains and distributes this comprehensive booklet of resources, information, and contacts useful to PLWHA.
- **Project HOPE:** A collaboration with Goodwill Industries, this program helps PLWHA re-enter the workforce.
- **"Ken's Korner":** A periodic newsletter that distributes useful information to HIV/AIDS service providers.
- **Trainings, Workshops & Presentations:**  
Offered for support groups, case-managers, university classes, etc.

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